REMARKS:

Claims 16-17 and 22-23 remain pending in the application.

The Examiner objected to the Abstract because it is not within the allowed range of 50 to 150 words. Applicant has amended the Abstract accordingly. The Examiner's objection is therefore believed to be overcome.

Claims 16-17 and 22-23 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 7-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,853,581. While the Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, Applicant has nevertheless submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection and expedite allowance of the present application.

CONCLUSION:

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5957-80902/DMM

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